

Dear Director Mouritsen:

I hereby file this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") planned March 2018 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale and the programmatic Final Environmental Assessment for oil and gas leasing in the Wayne National Forest, Marietta Unit of the Athens Ranger District, Monroe and Noble Counties, Ohio --2 Parcels covering 345.49 acres.

ES-004

39.65 acres in Monroe County

ES-005

305.84 acres in Noble County

PROTEST

I. Protesting Party: Contact Information and Interests

This Protest is filed on behalf of:

Name: Trevor Oatts

Address: 2508 Deming Ave Columbus, OH

II. Statement of Reasons as to Why the Proposed Lease Sale Is Unlawful:

BLM's proposed decision to lease the parcels listed above is substantively and procedurally flawed for the reasons discussed below:

1. No Environmental Impact ~~State~~ Statement.
2. Fracking Operations will create unnecessary Light Pollution in some of Ohio's darkest skies.
3. Negatively contribute to Climate Change.
4. Oil and gas production ~~on small~~ off of smaller road ways will result in unsafe and dangerous traffic, and possibly ruin road ways.
5. Damage to environment and animals that inhabit the surrounding forests.
6. Creating and disposing of waste water, fracking the earth will ruin our aquifers and rivers/streams.
7. Endangered Animals may live on leased land in the Wayne National Forest.
8. Threatens Recreational Activities in the Wayne.

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